1. The Vision as Member of the Governing Council

The Ministry of Higher Education, Science, Research and Innovation (MHESRI) of Thailand has been a core organization for higher education, science and technology, research and Innovation development. It increases the national economic development of both Thailand and APCTT member countries by increasing competitive capability. It also strengthens the national technology infrastructure and innovation capacity based on the knowledge society and advanced digital technology. All developments have been challenged by the current economic and global changes, including the international cooperation (e.g. trade liberalization, rules, non-tariff barriers, economic integration). The target is to increase the development and trade competitiveness, investment and international cooperation.

Anyways, MHESRI acknowledges the importance of Technology Transfer which is the key theme in achieving of the Sustainable Development Goal (SDGs) in both scientific and technological knowledges from research and development (R&D). The applied knowledge strands enable us to increase the innovation capability and benefits of APCTT member countries. MHESRI has realized that technology transfer enables Thailand’s efficient and effective innovation capability. This allows us to confront current global challenges. In the value-based economy, technology transfer enables us to overcome the poverty and inequality within the country. MHESRI plays a crucial role in implementing the national policy for encouraging all participants from both public and private sectors in Thailand and within the APCTT member countries. The stakeholders from the industrial sector aware of the importance of policies and measurement for research and development and technology transfer that respond to the needs of all stakeholders within the APCTT member countries.
2. How your country could work with APCTT and enhance regional cooperation in the area of STI and technology transfer in Asia and the Pacific Region?

The Ministry of Higher Education, Science, Research and Innovation (MHESRI) of Thailand realizes that disseminated technologies and advanced knowledge of technology transformation at all levels from some developed countries are the crucial mechanisms, especially in order to increase the level of national capability for competitiveness, investment, and proactive international cooperation and regionals cooperation on science, technology, and innovation.

MHESRI also realizes that the regional cooperation among the member countries of the Asia Pacific Centre for Transfer of Technology (APCTT) is essential for science, technology, and innovation development. International cooperation policy of Thailand focuses on four activities of the cooperation as follows; i) cooperation on the technology transfer and Research and Development (R&D), ii) cooperation on knowledge exchange and Research and Development (R&D) for advanced knowledge, iii) cooperation on scientist and researcher exchange, and iv) cooperation between the university and industrial sector for strengthening and networking.

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